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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/571,879

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**Examiner**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 June 2011.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on \_\_\_\_; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
- 4) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 5, 7, 8, 13, 14, 16, 17, 24 and 25 is/are pending in the application.
- 5a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 5, 7, 8, 13, 14, 16, 17, 24, and 25 is/are rejected.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 9) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 10) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 6/8/2011 has been entered.
2. Currently, claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 13, 14, 16, 17, 24, and 25 are pending in the instant application. The following rejections constitute the complete set being presently applied to the instant Application. This action is NON-FINAL.
3. The rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, enablement made in the previous office action is withdrawn in view of the declaration filed under 37 CFR 1.132, the arguments made in the response, and the amendments to the claims.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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8. Claims 1, 5, 13, 14, 16, 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Curran (Curran et al; Int J Cancer, vol 95, pages 271-275, 2001).

Curran teaches genotyping for the ESR1 polymorphism G594A, and detecting different genotypes, by PCR amplification, Bstg1 digestion, and gel electrophoresis. It is noted that the "wherein" clause recited in the claims merely recites the properties of the polymorphism and that the only active steps recited in the claims are taught by the prior art. The intended use for the claimed method "whether a human individual has a predisposition to migraine" provides no additional limitations that distinguish the active claimed steps from the teachings of the prior art.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

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11. Claims 7, 8, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Curran in view of Wang-Gohrke et al; (Cancer Research, vol 60, pages 2348-2350, 2000).

Curran teaches genotyping for the ESR1 polymorphism G594A, and detecting different genotypes, by PCR amplification, Bstg1 digestion, and gel electrophoresis and teaches the polymorphism is correlated with breast cancer risk.

Curran does not teach genotyping for the PROGINS polymorphism, however Wang-Gohrke teaches genotyping for the polymorphism, using PCR, and teaches association with breast cancer risk.

Therefore, it would have been prima facie obvious to the one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to genotype for both the ESR1 G594A and the PROGINS polymorphisms in human subjects to determine what the breast cancer risk would be when both polymorphisms are assessed.

It is noted that the "wherein" clause recited in the claims merely recites the properties of the polymorphism and that the only active steps recited in the claims are taught by the prior art. The intended use for the claimed method "whether a human individual has a predisposition to migraine" provides no additional limitations that distinguish the active claimed steps from the teachings of the prior art.

### ***Conclusion***

12. No claims are allowed.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Jehanne Sitton whose telephone number is (571) 272-

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0752. The examiner is a hoteling examiner and can normally be reached Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Nguyen, can be reached on (571) 272-0731. The fax phone number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to (571) 272-0547.

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